

SEEKS \$50,000,000 FOR CONCRETE SHIPS

Hurley Gets Wilson's Sanction and Will Ask Immediate Grant.

PLANS TO RUSH WORK

Will Build Three Vessels of 3,500 Tons Each as Experiment.

Special Despatch to The Sun.
WASHINGTON, April 13.—Chairman Hurley of the Shipping Board after a conference with the President announced to-night that he had won the Chief Executive's sanction for an expenditure of \$50,000,000 for establishment or acquisition of plants suitable for the building of concrete ships.

Mr. Hurley said that of this sum he hoped to have \$15,000,000 made immediately available. He will confer Monday with Chairman Sherley of the House Committee on Appropriations in the expectation of immediate introduction of the provision for this appropriation as a rider to one or another of the appropriation bills now pending in the House.

Mr. Hurley also hopes to break a record or two in getting Congressional action. The Shipping Board projects the construction of three launching ways for three 3,500 ton concrete vessels, and if these prove successful the board contemplates enlarging its plans for the 7,500 ton type. Rush work will begin immediately at the Pittsburgh plant in Wilmington, N. C.

Based on the observations of the construction, launching and completion of the concrete ship Faith, built at San Francisco, R. J. Wig, head of the department of concrete ship construction said regarding the general scheme to-night:

"The available information assures us with all certainty possible short of actual experience under service conditions that the concrete ship will be durable for several years, promising satisfactory results throughout the probable duration of the present war."

"There are deteriorating elements which may limit the life of the concrete ship to three or four years. This, however, can only be told from experience. The present emergency calls for ships, and their life is not of great importance at present."

NEW ORDINANCE CHIEF SLATED.

Williams Will Succeed Crozier, Who May Be Retired.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—At their weekly conference with War Department officials to-day, Senate Military Committee members said they were advised that further and important reorganization was planned and Brig.-Gen. Williams would be appointed chief of ordinance, probably through retirement of Major-Gen. Crozier, now serving on the superwar council.

The reorganization announced yesterday by which Major-Gen. Goethals is to have charge of distribution and transportation of army materials, the Senators were told, is the forerunner of other changes, which probably will be announced within a week, especially in the ordinance bureau. The reorganization plans will effect a great improvement, in the opinion of the Senators, to whom they were disclosed.

BASEBALLS IN EQUIPMENT.

Sporting Goods Part of Regular Military Outfit.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Baseballs, footballs and other athletic paraphernalia have been made a part of the regular military equipment of American soldiers sent overseas.

The Athletic Division of the War Department Commission on Training Camp Activities is endeavoring to furnish each company going to France with a complete box of athletic goods, it was announced to-day.

More Imports Of Barred List.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Rice, cashmere suits and watch crystals to-day were removed by the War Trade Board from the list of prohibited imports.

SENATE DRAFT BILL ADOPTED BY HOUSE

Vote of 325 to 8 Indorses Selection by Percentage in Class One.

CREDIT FOR VOLUNTEERS

Harrison Promised Hearing on Plan for Exemption of Farmers.

Special Despatch to The Sun.
WASHINGTON, April 13.—The Senate draft quota bill, for approval of which the Provost Marshal General impatiently has waited since the action of the Senate six weeks ago, finally passed the House to-day by a vote of 325 to 8. With the exception of Representative Gordon (Ohio), even members of the Military Committee who signed the minority report failed to vote against the bill on final passage. The three final objectors were Representatives Gordon, Burnett and Huddleston, all Democrats.

Opponents of the measure succeeded in including one amendment in the Senate bill. This stipulates that in the draft each community shall be credited with its volunteers in the military and naval service.

Representative Harrison (Va.), who held up passage of the bill last night by offering an amendment to exempt farmers as a class from operation of the draft law, withdrew his amendment to-day. He said he had been promised early consideration of his plan as proposed in an independent bill now before the Military Committee.

Under the bill as passed the second draft will proceed on the basis of the number of men in class 1, instead of on the basis of the population status of the States and subdivisions. The President is authorized to exhaust entirely class 1 before invading class 2, and he may call upon draft subdivisions for a certain percentage of the number of men in class 1 resident of whether that community has furnished its quota under the old population arrangement.

The present law stipulates that quotas shall be determined on the proportion to the population of the several States and subdivisions, and it was claimed that inequalities partly attributable to the old census figures arose under this scheme.

FEW ARRESTS IN SYRIA.

Americans and Jews Not Ill Treated, Says Sweden.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Reports reaching this country of the ill treatment accorded Americans, especially American Jews, in Syria have been inaccurate and exaggerated, the State Department was advised to-day in a despatch through Swedish diplomatic channels.

All Americans and all Jews in Syria not charged with political offenses are at liberty, the despatch said, although some few persons have been arrested and sent to Damascus charged with specific offenses.

SPRUCE LUMBER PRICES SET.

Government to Pay From \$35 to \$55 a Thousand Feet.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Prices the Government will pay for spruce lumber were agreed on at a conference to-day between the War Industries Board and representatives of the spruce industry. Price on random lengths will range from \$35 to \$48 a thousand and on lengths from 8 to 20 feet from \$40 to \$55, according to size.

For every two feet over twenty feet in length an additional charge of \$1 a thousand will be made. The prices, which will remain in effect until July 1, are based on Boston deliveries.

GERMAN ALLIANCE MUST GO.

Senate Committee Decides to Repeal Revocation Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Favorable report on the bill to revoke the charter of the National German American Alliance for disloyal activities will be made to the Senate Judiciary Committee Monday by the sub-committee which has considered the bill for several weeks, under a decision reached to-day. This action will be taken regardless of plans to disband the alliance.

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in stock at popular prices.

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Serge Dresses, from 19.75

Silk Dresses, . . from 20.00

Women's Woven Underwear

for Spring and Summer is now ready in complete and very interesting assortments. The prices are consistently moderate throughout; those quoted below are some of the many attractive values in the regular stock.

Imported Ribbed Underwear

VESTS

Cotton or lisle, 75c., 90c., \$1.10

Wool-and-cotton mixture, \$2.25

Silk-and-wool mixture, \$3.00

COMBINATION GARMENTS

(low neck, sleeveless, knee length)

Cotton or lisle, \$2.25, 2.75, 3.00

Wool-and-cotton mixture, \$4.25

Silk Jersey and Italian Silk Undergarments

Vests . . \$1.90, \$2.50, upward

Bloomers 2.25, 3.50, upward

Combination garments, 4.25, 5.25

upward

(Second Floor)

An Entirely New Group of Fashionable Hats

(specially made for this occasion) will be placed on sale to-morrow

at \$17.50 each

These Hats are more than ordinarily smart, presenting the latest shapes and most effective trimmings (especially featuring youthful styles), and altogether represent

very unusual value

The Sale will take place in the Millinery Salon on the Third Floor.

A Remarkable Offering of Women's Tailored Suits

to commence to-morrow (Monday) will comprise several hundred of the newest Spring models, developed in the fashionable materials, and uniformly marked at

the extraordinarily low price of

\$29.00

(Sizes 34 to 44 bust measure)

(Women's Ready-to-wear Suits, Third Floor)

An Extraordinary Sale of Black Silks and White Silks

to be held to-morrow (Monday), will offer 10,000 yards of Black Silks and 10,000 yards of White Silks

at noteworthy price reductions

BLACK SILKS

39-inch High-lustre Dress Satin . . . per yard \$1.68

39-inch Imported Chiffon Dress Taffeta . . . per yard 1.95

40-inch Crepe de Chine, extra heavy . . . per yard 1.95

40-inch Charmeuse Satin, suede finish . . . per yard 2.45

40-inch High-lustre Crepe Meteore, very superior quality,

per yard \$2.90

WHITE SILKS

36-inch Habutai Silk, heavy weight . . . per yard \$1.15

36-inch Imported Washable Satin, very fine quality, per yard 1.60

39-inch Imported Chiffon Taffeta . . . per yard 1.90

40-inch Crepe de Chine, heavy and lustrous . . . per yard 1.95

40-inch White Pongee, heavy weight . . . per yard 2.15

(First Floor)

A Spring Sale of Linens (Household and Decorative)

will be an event of more than average interest on the Fourth Floor

for Monday and Tuesday.

It will include

Table Cloths and Napkins; Towels; Bath Towels; Madeira Luncheon Sets and Tea Napkins, hand-embroidered; Embroidered and Lace-trimmed Centerpieces, Tea Cloths, Banquet and Reception Cloths, etc. All of these will be marked

at very special prices

The Mourning Department

(on the Third Floor)

has ready for selection and immediate wear a very carefully-chosen and comprehensive assortment of fashionable Gowns and Suits for first and second mourning, as well as the necessary accessories of the correct mourning costume.

Many new and rich materials have been introduced for mourning wear in Spring and Summer, and all of these are well represented. The new modes, too, are most attractive, despite the subdued note upon which the mourning outfit must necessarily be keyed.

The semi-privacy of the Mourning Salons offers the quiet seclusion so indispensable for making suitable selections. Qualified saleswomen are always in attendance.

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